

International Year of Cooperatives-2025**05 June 2025****Cooperative Literacy Camp at Samoh Village (Bilaspur District, Himachal Pradesh)**

In celebration of the International Year of Cooperatives-2025, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), along with the District Cooperative Department, organised a Cooperative Literacy Camp in Samoh Village of Jhandutta Block of Bilaspur District on 05 June 2025. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the vital role of cooperatives in rural development and promote sustainable environmental practices for cooperatives.

The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of secretaries and members from various Primary Agricultural Aoperative Societies (PACS) across the district. The Cooperative Literacy Camp focused on enhancing understanding of cooperative principles, governance, and financial literacy among the PACS. District Development Manager of NABARD of Bilaspur and Assistant Registrar Cooperative Societies Bilaspur Shri Bhaskar Kaliya and Jhanduta Block Inspector Shri Kamlender led interactive sessions for the PACS on various GoI/ State Govt. and NABARD initiatives schemes available for cooperative societies through which the PACS can enhance their business productivity and encourage grassroots participation and capacity-building.

Through this camp, we aim to empower cooperative members with knowledge and inspire collective action for community well-being and environmental protection. GoI has a very special focus on developing cooperatives. GoI Schemes like formation of new Multipurpose PACS and PACS Computerisation project are being implemented by NABARD. Such schemes will bolster the working of cooperative societies and bring them to a digital map.



